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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS WITH NEW EMERGENCY SIRENS IN CHEYENNE COUNTY *--GREATER PROTECTION AFFORDED TO NEARLY 600 RURAL RESIDENTS*

Kearney, Neb., August 9, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$2,050 to replace existing early warning systems for the Villages of Dalton and Gurley, benefiting nearly 600 rural residents. New sirens will be an upgrade, affording offsite activation by the Villages and Cheyenne County Emergency Management Center. Village of Dalton will contribute \$2,000 and Village of Gurley \$1,950.

“USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist the Villages with the purchase of their new warning systems,” stated Lennis Hodgson, area director for USDA Rural Development. “Rural residents of Dalton and Gurley will receive more reliable protection as the sirens will provide improved notification times of adverse weather conditions and emergency situations.”

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